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Jerusalem, Feb. 20.

The Jewish extremists stepp-

up the important Iraq Petro-

way between Haifa and Tel-Aviv.

The authorities disclosed more

The sabotaging of British com-

With the fale of four condemned

"soldiers" now postponed indefinite-

agement of eillegal immigration-

financing and organising a flow of

slum ships from unknown Mediter-

ranean ports, protecting refugees

when they swarm ashore and fight-

HOME-MADE MORTARS

home-made morturs, two of which

were loaded, and 12 morter shell

DEBATE NEXT WEEK

Mr Arthur Greenwood, acting

Government leader in the House of

the House would debate Palestine

next Tuesday, the resumption of

London, Feb. 20.

mercial interests and mining of com-

ntout the assault on the RAF station

late last night. They said the toy-

of to-day's terroristic acts.

.were-driven-off.-

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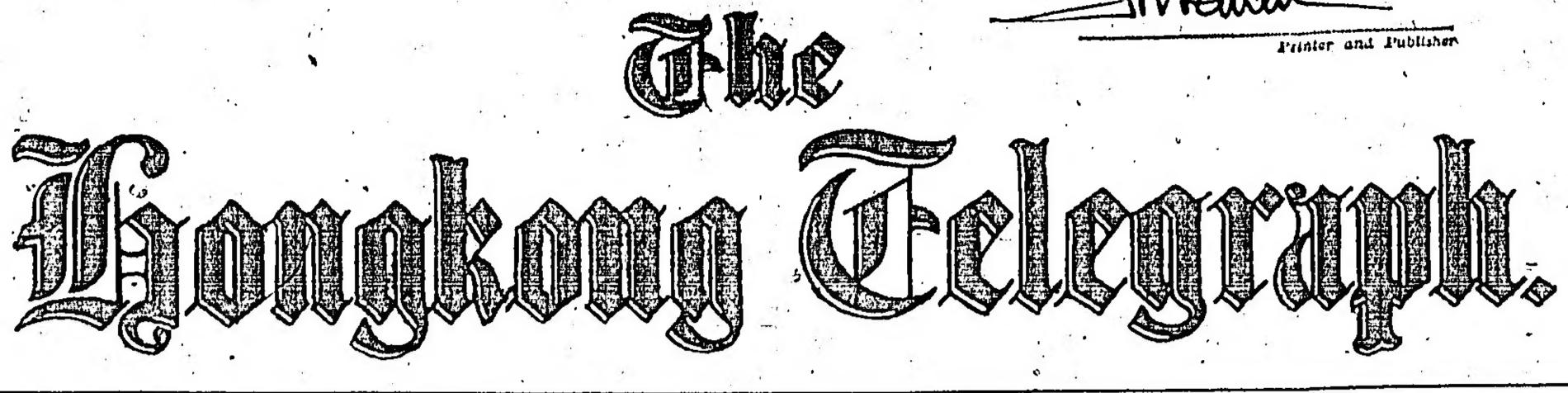
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Details were still lacking.

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# Momentous Statement The Prime Minister

# MOUNTBATTEN NEW

London, Feb. 21. The British government set a time limit of June 1948 to its rule in India to-day with a warning that unless quarrelling Moslems and Hindus agree on a representative government, power will be turned

over to provincial governments in a divided India. The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee announced the first definite date for Britain's often repeated intention to quit India in quiet, conversational tones to a strained and silent House of Commons.

His statement was immediately issued as another White Paper which Britain hopes will produce agreement among the major Indian parties on the form of government to succeed the British Empire's 200-year rule.

Blown Up Mr Attice said that if the proportion of Indians failed to produce a constitution for a Central Government through "a fully represened up their offensive against tative constituent assembly" the British rule to-day by blowing British would "have to consider to whom the powers of the Cenleum Company's pipeline in tral Government in British northern Palestine in two India should be handed over."

places and setting off two more Ho warned that it would be a electric mines under military question of whether the Government should be transferred "as a whole To-day's sabotage followed on the to some form of Central Government for British India, or in some heels of last night's during raid on areas to the existing provincial on RAF station at Ein Shemer, half governments, or in such other way as they seem most reasonable and in The attack on the vital olpeline, the best interest of the Indian which carries British oil from .Perslan fields to an outlet near Rada, people".

An informed source said the was regarded as the most serious; "whole purpose" of Mr' Attlee's statement was to "produce agreement" between the Moslems and Hindus who have steadfastly refused to co-operate in drafting a future constitution.

regists lobbed mortar shells into the He said it was the "answer" to camp for 20 minutes before they some quarters that had insisted that Britain would discover some way to "hang on" in India in the face o continued disagreement among Inmunications previously had not come dian parties. into ligun's scope in its underground

### NEW VICEROY

Mr Attlee followed his historic ly, Irgun appeared to be unheeding statement with the announcement ] 邑 of the repeated warnings of kidnapthat Field Marshal Lord Wavell Continuous and would be replaced as Viceroy of Haganah apparently was confining India by Lord Louis Mountbatten. its activity at the present to encour-

The House broke Into pandemonium when the Opposition leader, Mr Winston Churchill, on his feet as soon as Mr Attlee sat down, demanded the reasons for-Lord Wavell's dismissal.

ing against deportation of the un-When Mr Attlee refused to answer, Conservative members of The British troops, when they cap- of "answer, answer." tured the terrorist site, found three

Leaning over and pointing a finger full in 'Attlee's face Mr' Churchill growled "Is there any reason why an explanation should be concealed from us? Why should we

not be told the truth?" As Conservative cries of "answer" rang through the crowded House Commons, announced to-day that Mr Attlee sat hunched in his redleathered chair tapping his knee with the type-script of industry and fuel distribution next | momentous statement he had just Wednesday and foreign affairs next | read. Eventually he arose and

## New Dellai Reactions

New Delhi, Feb. 21.

Britain's notice to India on Thursday to put her own house in order by June 1948 has faced this country with the decision-amiable solution for devastating civil war-that was the gist of comments of old observers who in five years have seen Britain twice offer a large measure of self-government to India only to have internal differences stand

in the way of acceptance. The dramatic announcement by Mr Clement Attlee in the House of Commons that the British were leaving. next year 'was quickly interpreted in some unofficial quarters as being strongly Lavourable to the side of the Congress Party.—Associated Press.

"We regard this as a sultable time to make a change, so far as Jenow there is no precedent for

Minister he made a great many changes in both military and civil appointments and I am not aware ment." Parliament joined in angry shouts that any explanations were given." This was greeted with a storm of Labour cheers.

### REAFFIRMS PROPOSALS

The effect of Mr Attice's statement was to reaffirm last year's proposals of the British Cabinet Mission after three months of conferences with Indian political leaders. This plan visualised a Central Government to take over the rule of British India under a Constitution written by all

To-day's statement provided no said. authority.

Mr Attlee also reaffirmed that the British did not intend to hand over their "powers and obligations" over the independent Indian States to a Central Government,

"It is contemplated that for the intervening period the relations of the Crown with individual states may be adjusted by agreement" Mr Attlee sald.

Although .. no . responsible officiable source would say so, this apparently ltaves the British Government free to renegotiate its individual treaties | in the House of Lords similar to that with the princely states of India."

"The future of the Indian States is for the Indian States to debate and not for us" said an informed source. In any change of status in India there are many minor questions that would have to be ironed out through negotiations with the Indian princes. -Associated Press.

Note: Text of the White Paper on India which the Prime Minister read to the House of

# What Attlee Said

 London, Feb. 20. Making his dramatic announcement on India in the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister said: His Majesty's Government "The weather is menacing again. It is too early to predict the effect on wish to make it clear that it is their deliveries of further hardening of definite intention to take the necessary steps to effect transference of the weather but it cannot be other power into responsible Indian hands than serious."-United Press. by a date not later than June, 1948.

"The British Government agreed to the due date."

He said the British Government did not intend to hand over powers and obligations of the Indian states under paramountcy to any government of British India.

"It was not intended to bring" such a request as that made by Mr. paramounity to conclusion earlier than the date of final transfer of power, but it was contemplated that "Indeed when he was Prime in the intervening period the relations of the Crown with Individual states might be adjusted by agree-

### ADVANCE MEASURES

power shortage, turned worse again to-day. Snow fell in most districts of England and Wales and most north-cast Yorkshire roads; which, Mr Attlee said that although final just cleared, were blocked again. Continental countries without exception reported subnormal temperatures and practically all regions were short of fuel while supplies in some areas were drained to danger

Government, it appeared that many ficiency of the civil administration be maintained and the defence of India provided for," the Minister Berlin reported 170 died from cold to the French people.'

since December 1, and in the Belginn constal town of Nicuport six ference that the second series of five The lowest temperature in Britain

Fuel Rationing May

Last Indefinitely

day to last 10 days in the London area and domestic

electricity rationing is expected to last indefinitely, au-

Industrial electricity "switch offs" are expected to-

scrious.

Britain will not export cost until sent out to bomb lice packs. were

year when we expect that Britain's than 130 hours, the longest period

basic needs will be satisfied," he in any February this century.

tinued unabated.

LORD WAVELL

thoritative sources said to-day.

Southeastern England will be the

last to get back to industrial produc-

tion, it was reported. A week's in-terval was expected between restora-

tions in various districts of England.

The Midlands will get electricity on

Monday and the North-west was be-

The recovery depended to some

A Fuel Ministry statement said,

NO EXPORTING UNTIL 1948

"Despite increased output, there

no indication that Britain will re-

"We might be able to consider,

starting exporting coal again next

While the hardest hit of Britain's

customers will be Eire, which last

year imported over a quarter of the

total coal exports, France, Denmark,

Italy, Belgium, and Sweden come

WEATHER WORSENS

European weather, critical factor

. London, Feb. 21,

store her coal exports this year."

London, Feb. 20,

extent upon the weather-which was

lieved to be the next in line.

worsening,

view to-night.

next.—Reuter.

# RUSSIA'S OFFER ON ATOMIC ENERGY

## Will Permit An International Authority To Work Plants

Lake Success, N.Y., Feb. 20.

Prior to the Security Council atomic control debate resumption at 3 p.m. to-day, the Soviet delegate, Mr Andrei Gromyko announced that Russia wouldvlet an international authority to supervise and manage atomic energy plants in the Soviet Union.

away doubts that Russia, by promised Russia's unqualified ac-Gromyko's 12 proposed amendments | ceptance of International supervision to the American plan, had aimed at and management of any present or restricting inspection and supervi- future Russian satomic energy plants sion to only those plants which exist | led UN circles to the optimistic beat the time a world atomic treaty lief that rapprodehement of the

London, Feb. 20.

The weather is sigain, menacing

Britain's coal distribution. The

Ministry of Fuel, stating this to-

night, added that the effect on de-

liveries of further hardening of the

weather could not be other than

There was snow over many parts of southern England and the bitter

spell, now in its fourth week, con-

The Admiralty stated that reports

of danger to Britain's fishing fleet

and coal chips from ice floes in the

North Sea had been greatly exag-

gerated. Even small ships were able

to get through the foot-thick ice floes without difficulty. Newspaper

reports that aeroplanes had been

Royal Air Force planes were sent

out to report on ice-flocs' position.

Radio reports from some trawlers in

the North Sea suggested that ice

\_London\_broke\_yet\_another\_weather

record to-day and is already within

unbroken spell of frost for more

-and the latest forecast says "con-

At 5 p.m. to-day the thermometer

stood at 30 degrees, one lower than

the mid-day temperature.—Reuter.

might be breaking up.

London, Feb. 20.

Mr Gromyko's statement cleared Mr Gromyko's clarification, which American and Russian positions is

### now possible. NEW RESEARCH CENTRE

Mennwhile it was announced a third great American centre for atomic research along with Oakridge, Tennessee, and Hanford, Washington, will be built on a 3.645-acre site in Dupage County, Illinois, 26 miles southwest of Chicago at a cost of many millions of dollars. Its 12 buildings will be ready within three years and when completed the midwest centre will be known as "Argonne National Laboratory."

The Argonne in only one of a series of new national atomic laboratories to be established and will be operated by the University of Chicago in conjunction with 24 other Mid-western universitles.

The Argonne replaces the wartime metallurgical inboratory at the University of Chicago, which played an important part in the creation of the atomic bomb. The laboratory will engage in the research and development of all phases of atomic energy, including industrial and military.—United Press.

# DEVASTATING **EXPLOSION**

Los Angeles, Feb. 20. An explosion rocked a part of Los Angeles with such force today "that some people thought striking distance of another which an atomic bomb had hit the city. A preliminary check listed at has stood for more than 100 years. This morning the capital had an least 13 dead and 200 injured. The blast levelled an electroplating plant in which 35 persons were working and a black cloud

Another three days below freezing | mushroomed toward the sky. A man working directly across the tinuing very cold"—will smash the street desiared, "It looked just like record set up in the winter of 1841. the newsreel pictures of the atomic | bomb explosion."

The shock rumbled across the city with the effects of an earthquake, shattering windows, snapping power lines and rupturing-gas mains. Fifteen fire companies were called

out to fight the resulting fires. Bystanders as far as six blocks from the scene were killed by flying debris. Chemists believed that hydrogen formed in the process of plating at the devastated plant.—United Press.

30 REPORTED DEAD Los Angeles, Feb. 20. Thirty people were reported killed in an explosion which rocked a building in Los Angeles to-day, The explosion occurred in an electro-plating shop. It was followed

Of those injured about a dozen are in a critical condition.

The shop and three private houses were destroyed. All available ambulances and private cars are being used to rush the injured to hospitals. The explosion damaged buildings for an area of a mile and were wrecked, The police have called a "state of

emergency."-Reuter.

### Ramadier Given in Britain's battle against fuel and Confidence Vote

Paris, Feb. 21. The National Assembly voted i. confidence in Ramadier's government 506 to 59 siter a heated debate on economy and food.

The vote was taken after several Despite previous go ahead from Deputies had urged the progressive lifting of rationing and expressed British industries would be unable confidence in the government's ability to get back into production for some to "carry out the policy aimed at assuring a normal food distribution M. Ramadier told a news con-

died of exposure in the last two per cent cuts to be effective near the end of the month would not be a half. Motor-cars parked nearby the last in the French fight to save was 14 degrees Fahrenheit.—Associat- the franc and stabilise the internal economy,—Associated Press.

# PLANS FOR "MODERATE" EXPANSION OF JAPAN'S TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Tokyo, Feb. 20. A SOAP memorandum to-day recommended! spindle capacity order to allow for "moderate

provide a domestic standard of living ducts, which textile experts estimate for building spindles and other approaching that of 1030-34-three will be experted, and 427,000,000 machinery. The Japanese industry China war which SCAP considers provided for domestic consumption spindles, including those in storage. the base period.

Observers said the memorandum | was significant since it closely follows sion, Lt-Col H. S. Tate, said the statements of American officials, in-4,000,000- cluding Ambassador George Atcheson, Jnr., urging the earliest possible Japanese textile industry in economy, and recalled that the pre- hoped ultimately enough cotton prowar Japanese economic structure was based, to a wide extent, on slik

under a peacetime economy.

The chief of SCAP's Textile Diviobjective of the expanded spindle capacity is to help to make the rehabilitation of the Japanese nation's economy self-sufficient. He ducts will be exported to pay for imports of raw cotton and, if possible, to provide foreign exchange SCAP investigations indicate it surplus for the purchase of other

## EDITORIAL

Thursday.—United Press.

# China And UNRRA Supplies

IT is possible that Nanking believes she is legally entitled to request that I her outstanding UNRRA supplies be offered for open sale. But the nations who financed provision of these goods under the impression that they would be used to rehabilitate a country sorely stricken by eight continuous years of wanfare, will regard the proposition with askance. The dumping of UNRRA commodities on what is humorously known as the "free market", even if carried out under official control, violates the intention of the original agreement. The whole purpose of UNRRA contributions. was that they should represent an international effort to revive the. economic and social pulse of those countries wounded and fainting from the dreadful effects of a world war. China is one. Unhapply, her maidle. tribution of UNRRA supplies provides one of the most sordid of post-war stories; wherefore her officials can hardly be surprised if this latest proposal is treated with suspicion and hostility.

Nanking, through Dr Soong, denies that the purpose of the sales is to bolater. China's crumbled currency. Yet for what else could the proceeds be intended? China's demand has constantly been for material goods. She has them, and now she wants to sell them. Neither is Dr Soong's Increduilty of the prospects of these UNRRA goods landing in the black market, the least bit convincing. The Finance Minister should have sufficient evidence at his disposal to appreciate the power and ramifications of this market. It can be called by any name one pleases, but it is cortainly not in existence to see that the Chinese get What they are entitled to receive—except upon its own terms. UNRRA officials declare that at least 45 per cent of their aupplies are rotting and rusting in godowns and open spaces. If this is true, Nanking would do the country far more service by. seeing that these goods were placed where they were most needed, than by disposing of them for cash for semebody else to resell at substantial profits. Commons appears on Page 4.

recommend to Parliament a constitution worked out in accordance with the Cabinet Mission's proposals by a 1948 because of the fuel crisis and fully representative Constituent As- the need to build up extensive coal embly. If it should appear that such reserves, Sir Guy Noit-Bower, offia constitution will not have been cial spokesman of the Ministry of reached by such an Assembly before Fuel and Power, said in an inter-June, 1948, the Government would have to consider to whom the powers of the Central government in British India should be handed over to on

Mr Attice said legislation would be introduced in due course to give effect to the final transfer of power

transfer might not take place until June, 1948, preparatory measures must be put in hand in advance. "The British Government will negotiate on matters' arising out of the transfer with representatives of those to whom they propose to transfer...it is important that the ef-

alternative except the warning - Mr Attice said that as the tronsthat failure of India parties to fer of power proceeded, it would beagree on a Constitution might be come progressively more difficult to followed by a parcelling of carry out to the letter all provisions of the Government of India Act of

> "However, the British Government believe that British commercial and industrial interests in India can look forward to a fair field for their enterprise under the new conditions,"

> He said Britain would continue to do all in its power to further India's well-bring.

### "SHOCKING" STATEMENT Lord Pethick Lawrence, Secretary

of State for India, made a statement given by Mr Attlee. Viscount Cranborne, leader of the Opposition in the Lords, said the statement was shocking. "It appears to be a reversal of expansion" of textile exports and cotton rayon textile exports. all previous statements of His

Majesty's Government," said Lord during the next few years. Majesty's Government," said Lord
Cranborne. "It provides no
safeguards for minorities. It
amounts to abandonment of India
this interim production level should

Mill be necessary to operate at a with imports.

Will be necessary to operate at a with imports.

The memorandum, sent to the minimum of 3,500,000 spindles in the said the rate of exchange will order to produce a minimum of be genred solely on the availability of raw materials and machine tools under conditions which to many of us can give no hope of a peaceful and prosperous future for her years before Japan embarked on the pounds, they estimate, should be how has approximately 3,870,000

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# Built This U.S. Embassy

# By Harold K. Milks

puppet premier, Wang Chingwei, is now become the new American Embassy in Nanking.

Japanese and puppets," the ten- Woolf. acre property, whose buildings were completed only after the death of Wang Ching-wel, is serving both as offices and official residence for 'Ambassador Leighton Stuart.

pound, built to order by a Nanking following the Armistice contrictor ten years ago and leased for that period, is being purchased for use as residence quarters for .15 & 9.15 p.m. other State Department personnel in The fervour of the early re- of psychology, especially of the Nanking.

### SHOW PLACE

tal, the puppet palace, with its fine gree, but in place of it, there buildings, well situated walls—parti- had formed nothing positive or vention and popularity of the cularly for defence of the occupants so universal. Darwin's theory Nanking, was carmarked for the sidorably shaken the religious novelists can rival Dickens or Mark Generalissimo when the govern- authority in the West. There ment returned from Chungking last were already undeniable signs May. But Chiang Kai-shek, after an | before the last war. Inspection of the Japanese-designed buildings, shook his head and moved into far inferior guarters within the Ministry of National Defence.

The Generalissimo would have none of Wang Ching-wei, not even the palace built for the puppet. Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kni-shek sald Madame, captivated by the palace, was not eager to surrender it, but the Generalissimo remained firm. After some months of stalemate,-arrangements-were-madeto pass title to the property to the United States Government.

the Chinese Government's purchase of what was then called the of war surplus supplies in the Pacific | United Front. islands. Under this transaction US\$35,000,000 was made available in constructing or purchasing official quarters in China.

### IDEAL PLACE

three comprising one American, one Chinese and one neutral. It will be the first American-owned Embassy in Nanking, as the previous buildings were leased. The United States still retains its old Embassy in Peiping under the terms of a grant from the Chinese government, using it as a consulate.

American officials did not share Chiang Kai-shek's objection to the puppet palace. Well designed and constructed and ideally arranged for Embassy uses, it provides not only adequate offices but a proper residence for the Ambassador and some members of his staff.

Workmen have renovated the puppet palace-sweeping-away the smell of puppets and Japanese which annoyed Generalissimo Chiang Kai-

THROWING OUT

HIS PICTURE 1



### TAIRST, I must set my chronological boundary clearly be-This is the text of a talk delivered recently fore you. By "the last two by Professor HSIAO CHIEN, of Fuhtan decades" I do not wish to in-University, before a meeting of the Shangclude the seven war years. hai Branch of the Sino-British Cultural Many people can instantly name a novel as the novel of the last Association. war, namely "South Wind" by Norman Douglas; just as Rupert Brook is fairly widely accepted

The English Novel

as the poet of the preceding war. But alas, in this war, such convenience is denied us. It has not been possible to name either one single writer or book as representative or outstanding of this war.... I believe United Press Staff Correspondent will be less possible to do so in the coming atomic war. This THE white-walled palace war has not only produced which the Japanese in- literary giant, it has cruelly de-

# Vacuum

rity between the predicament still being worked out. in which the British and Chinese writers found them- fold The old American Embassy com- selves during the first decade ness, a philosophical vacuum. reason. The positive one being the briefly the being the publicans in China had lessened Confucian influence over the thinking of the intellectuals of

Fighting Fascism

IN the second decade there was between the mood of British lenge of the screeen in quite a dif-Sources close to the family of the and Chinese writers, namely, novels more thrilling than Boris The 30's can be easily called the "Pink Age." During this period, (and for China, the time lindustry and the so-called low-brow lindustry and the so-called low-brow quite common, namely this hatred following), \_\_many\_usually\_non-political writers became either Hollywood films originated from best the High Church. ties. Without any contact or Payment for the ten acres, with pre-arrangement, Chinese and its set of fine buildings, will be British writers were at the through an exchange resulting from same time (in the rank and file)

Writers for perhaps the first for use of the American government time in history issued manifestos in the first person plural Scores of novels came out to sound warnings against Hitler and Mussolini, notably from the Cost of Wang Ching-wei's palace pen of Storm Jameson, Ignazio will be determined by a board of Silone, H. E. Bates and Chris-



# New Technique

ing the Japanese aggression.

in their lifetime probably con- lar and the classical literature since of War and Peace or Middlemarch, the British people. Yet you comtributed, from a technical point 1919, when the colloquial style alone but the ambition has become greater. plain of having too much of it. The was canonised as the only literary Every novelist in his or her own way Chinese writers clamour for more of view, more than any novelists medium. A sharp disintegration of attempted to embrace the entire machine, more system and less per-Rejected by Generalissimo in the past. I mean the death a different kind took place in Eng- life, if not the universe, in its quin- sonal relations. It is not that we land also—the cleavage between the tessence, through focusing on one don't speak the same language. It Chinng Kai-shek because "it of Mr James Joyce in 1941 fol- high-brow with its headquarters in specific spot, smells too much of both lowed by the suicide of Virginia Bloomsbury, and the low brow In fact, at about that time, a total-

volution? The reasons are mani-

The novel was rather social litera-ture than poetry, depending on a set in of values which have now simply 1919, namely, a feeling of empti- ceased to exist. This is a negative

### The Cinema

Freudlan School.

Show place of the Chinese capi- this generation to a pitiable de- THERE is also an economic aspect of this disintegration. The innovelist of his legitimate patrons. -and the largest swimming pool in of evolution 'had also con- Who among the present-day Twain in income? Millions of Englishmen regarded the death of Dickens as a national calamity. The cinema has robbed the novelists not only of wealth but also of their following. Facing the threat of extinction, the well-to-do novelists accept-N the second decade there was also a close similarity, in this youd the reach of the screen. The case, I should call it identity, self-made novelists took up the chalthe common detestation of Fas- Karloff, more gripping than Leon cism and the fight against it. Chayne and funnier than the Marx

mast 20 vears

were also attacking the far Whether one agrees with the highaway Franco though they were brow novelists or not, one must ad-mit that never in the history of writquite fully occupied with tackling have there been two such rich decades as 1920 to 1940, when each serious writer was trying a new pattern, an unprecedented method,

### Two Categories

the novel was coming to birth—a grammatical terms, most of them Britain, especially between the two technique which involved a break would come within two categories, wars, has been treated as an art, THERE was a striking simila- away from the tradition of Fielding, the 'exclamatory' and the 'interroga-Defoe, Jane Austen and which is live. The interrogative novelists ask questions all the time. Most But what caused this technical re- novelists of this period have a question in mind.

> To me, the happiest bridge-over between tradition and experiment, the philosopher and the artist, is to be found in Mr E. M. Forster's novels. Unlike his younger contempararies, he does not believe that the novel can discard the element of story-telling. With all his hysteria and faults, D. H. Lawrence was the leading spokesman of the 30's if any were to be appointed.

### Hatred of Machine

PORSTER expressed his haired of the machine, especially in his short story "The Machine Stops," Virginia Woolf in Her "Orlando" and "Between the Acts" makes it quite clear that she hated the modern age altogether. Huxley in his "Brave New World" has painted a gruesome picture of what the world would be like if the machine triumphs. Lawrence, as the most articulate spokesman of these two decades, has cursed the machine with all the ferocity he was capable of.

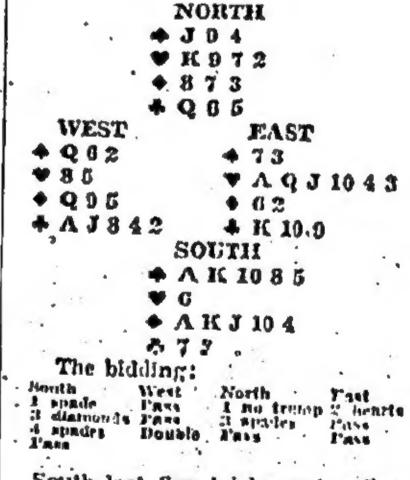
In his later years, when his hatred for the machine became more fanatical, he did more than curse the machine, he gallantly denied that i

# According To Culbertson

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It is an elementary point of bridge one, and his honours would have that when partner has bid two suits, wiped out even that loss, you should "name your preference." Unfortunately, however, what is true in an elementary sense is not always true in more advanced play. Take this sort of deal, for instance: South, dealer

Both sides vulnerable



The point of this article is that South should have been permitted to play three diamonds-certainly, as for as this own partner was concernedi Obviously, North fels obliged to "take South back to his first-bid suit," as a mere preference-but consider! To begin with, North's one no trump response to the spade opening was optimistic in itself-a meek pass would not have been too cawardly on North's almost hopeless holding. Then East bid hearts, and the greatest purt of North's slim values, the heart king, became a highly questionable asset. In short, North had little enough before the heart bid, after that bid, he had victually nothing.

So, despite the strength of South's three-diamond bld, North knew (or should have known) that there was no "future" in the hand. After all, South had not opened with a twobid! That being so, why give South the chance to keep on bidding? From Norte's point of view any undoubled contract was all right; therefore simple logic demanded that three South lost five tricks and suffered diamonds be passed, at least until it 500-point penalty. At three dia- was doubled. Perhaps South should monds, which East undoubtedly have passed to three spades, but he would have allowed him to play, should not have been given any South would have gone down only temptation!

Several writers have become Catholics while others have become devout believers in the Yogi. With. the threat of Atomic warfare, the impact of the machine on the minds of the British writers must be still more adverse.

### Two Moods

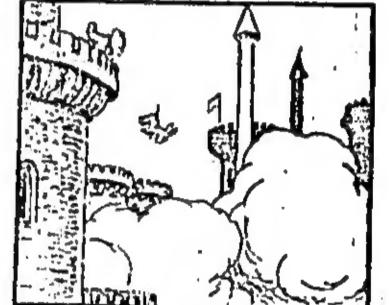
topher Isherwood. When Julian Bell was shot while driving an ambulance in Spain and John Cornfield killed while fighting with the International Brigade near Cordova, Chinese writers in Hollywood as scenario writers.

Sellers, and Hollywood has paid very handsomely in the form of royalties to those writers. It can even be said that quite a few popular novelists to day have Hollywood in mind when they are writing, and several, like Isherwood, have settled in Hollywood as scenario writers.

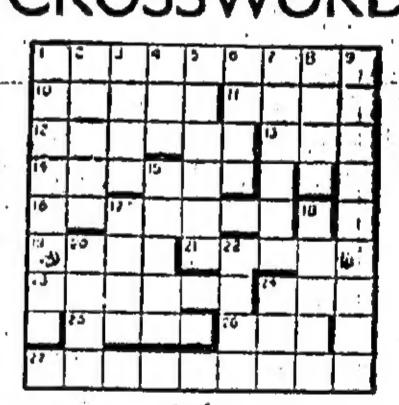
HERE lies the fundamental difference in the intellectual mood of our two nations. The British are bored with the steam engine, whilst we Chinese are just on the eve of an industrial revolution. A Chinese writer instinctively sneers at your writer instinctively sneers at your mysticism, because he has had too

In a country such as Britain, governed in a constitutional fashion and run by a solid civil service, the government itself is a machine, fair, In one sense it can be said that automatic and impersonal. It takes vaders built for their ill-fated prived us of two novelists who IN China has been a total disinthe novel of this period have become care of all the hard facts in life for narrower compared with the canvas the British records. Yet were compared to the British records. is because we in China still have our Magna Carta to be signed. It is because we in China have still our Reform Bill to fight for. It is because we are separated from you by at ly new technique for the writing of F novelists could be classified in least a century. The novel in equal to any branch of the fine arts; in China, it has been and still remains a weapon for fighting against injustice, and an instrument for re-

### Rupert and Ninku-41



Ninky continues his blundering way down the winding staircase, with Rupert after him, and at the bottom he bounces out on to a little terrace surrounded by battlements.
One more awkward jump and he has landed on the parapet where he sways for a moment before toppling right over just as Rupert makes a grab for him. The little bear gares down in horror as the cloth donkey disappears into the clouds. "I've lost him again!" he gasps. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.



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dry fires in ships, and the quelling

West Lethian is being canvassed

for a county, maternity hospital ....

were out for two days and 3,400 tons

a dispute over explosives

of an outbreak on Culloden Moor.

. News In Brief

# This Space Every Day BEAUTY ARTS By LOIS LEEDS



Posed for Lois Leeds.

"DEAR LOIS LEEDS"

"Dear Lois Leeds-Do you think ! a little rouge on the eyelids is pretty?-THERESA."

No, rouge on the eyelids is an old theatrical trick, practised in the Gay Nineties. Modern makeup is and often sore. Cutting makes the inthea your eyes more attractive,

"Dear Lois Leeds--How can I keep my switch clean? It's my one worry. I wear it in a big bun in the back. It's real hair.-NELL M." Wash It in sudsy water. Rinse, Dry by shaking, then comb and brush it as you would you own hair. When you are in a harry you can ! use dry shamp o or cleaning fluid.

"Dear Lois Leeds-1 am t. be matron of honour and my budget won't include all that I would like. My shoes are a problem. The dress is white with ross-pink Jacket and hat. Would black strap sundals do? -YOUNG MOTHER."

No, the Black sandals would spoil everything! Hunt for a pair of j White satin bedroom slippers. These



Relieve your tired eyes and renew the sparkle like this. Make a compress of absorbent cotton, dampened with cold water and then sprinkled with an eye lotion. Lay this over the eyes and rest and relax for fifteen minutes.

Lois Leeds gives you the answers-and real ideas!

are being used and they look very pretty and they are inexpensive. You could dye them Rose-Pink.

"Dear Lois Leeds-Does cutting" ruin the nails and cuticle?-S. G."

more subtle. Eyeshadow in soft nails round-edged. Use a cotton-Base, Greens, Browns and Grays covered orangewood stick to push gives a shadowy background and back the cuticle but do it gently. File the nails with an emery file and file only in one direction, don't file back nd. forth.

> "Dear Lais Leeds-Is a 16-yearfold girl too young to have a fur cont? -- GRAND MA."

N sa fur coat is a utility! garmen.. But be sure to select it in place where they will show you coats which are suitable for teeners. And let your granddaughter make e fin. decision!

# Wasp Waists Come Back

English women are wearing dreses which have boned corsets built into them,

The idea is to give the wearer the high bust, small waist, and r unded hips that are part of the new fashion have written her more than 1,000

No other foundation garment

Built-in cors is, above bustles, and sweeping full skirts were worn recently by mannequins displaying

Women who have worn the new ractry say it is comfortable, gives a considerate of confidence.

Some are turning out the bottom drawer to retrieve grandmother's boned dresses for reno-

vation in the new style. Nearly all designers, including Hartnell, are using padding on the hips of frocks, and even suits. Evening gowns are hooped.

The French style of padding brassieres, however, has not found favour she wants the public to know the year, he said, the local brigade were sweaters, prefer a slender line for the full length of their figure.

SIDE GLANCES Galbraith



wants the ladies who smear lipstick on cups to please use the straws!"

# Economic Objectives Of East Indonesia

Close co-operation with the Netherlands and continued efforts to win as much self-rule as possible by peaceful, democratic means are the initial goals of the new Provisional State of East Indonesia, said its first president, Tjokerde Gde Kaka Sukawat

East Indonesia, which was! granted statehood in the name of Queen Wilhelmina at Den Pasar, Ball, last December 24. has a population of more than 8,000,000. Within its boundaries are the Celebes, Moluccas (Spice Islands), Lesser Sundas, Dutch Timor, Flores, Bali and all other Netherlands Indies islands east of Java and Borneo except Dutch New Guinea,

The fledgling state will become an equal federal partner with Borneo and the Indonesian Republic of the state and the Indonesian Republic of backward in some things! We don't make the best use of our natural States of Indonesia, which the geographical resources. Netherlands has promised to create and introduce to the United Nations as a sovereign power.

Sukawati has two economic obthe galety and the facilities for enjoyjectives for East Indonesia, which in Take the Firth of Forth as an example that the first of water that the Indies in commercial develop-

and exports of copra, spices, hogs, were cruising steamers before the cattle and rice. In those products war, , he feels there is the basis-for a successful East Indonesian economy.

"We have a temporary advantage, since we have been exporting while Java was marking time because of revolutionary disturbances. We do not mean to lose it," Sukawati decan be pretty bleak. clared in an interview.

The second objective is to restore categor will have a pleasure steamer East Indonesia's historic position as operating in the Firth of Forth this carrier for the Indies, Sukawati summer. It is the Royal Lady, plans to provide government en- which ran a few trips in 1939 and couragement for inter-island ship- then went to war. The Lady was ping and expects East Indonesian used for war service in the Meditervessels to carry on trade with both ranean and then brought back for has been handed back to the owners.

East Indonesia's first president, paradoxically, also is Rajah and when the weather improves she Ochoed, Ball .- Associated Press. will sail along the east coast from Scarborough to Leith for a new fit-

# MRS AMERICA GETS FILM TEST OFFER

Mrs Janis Pollock, the 24year-old mother of four children, who refused to accept the title will sail up the Firth of Forth to Refugee Organisation. won in a national beauty contest, has gained considerable has broked parties for the summer, attention by her action. and the busiest period is likely to

Admirers, including clergymen, letters. Other mothers far away May Island then. have called her by long distance telephone. The letters were full of man deserves to be booked out all praise. summer. But where are the other businessmen in Scotland who are

Mrs Pollock declined the title during the autumn because accepting it tourist industry? Other designers favoured a short, boned corset that narrows the waist down to almost Victorian dimention leave her young children, and to leave her young children, and to list the fire chief for Scotland has been been something to leave her young children, and the future we shall be divided into the fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the NF.S. Scotland has big plans for the reorganisation of fire-fighting and in the future we shall be divided into the fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the new fire got \$2,500 cash. She refused in the future we shall be divided into the fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the new fire got \$2,500 cash. She refused in the future we shall be divided into the fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the new fire got \$2,500 cash. She refused in the future we shall be divided into the fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the new fire got \$2,500 cash. She refused in the future we shall be divided into the fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the new fire fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the new fire fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the new fire fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the new fire fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the new fire fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the new fire fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the new fire fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the new fire fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for men under 25 to join the new fire fire fire chief for Scotland has been serial tour appealed for to leave her young children, aged 11 districts. Edinburgh will extend to six, five, two and 10 months and the Tweed under the new scheme, but the Tweed under the new scheme, but Glasgow will remain intact. There accompany her. The prizes went to will be amalgamations of several

Now, to make up partially for her the remaining nine areas. It is pro-sucrifice, the company where her posed to introduce standard equiphusband works wants to send her ment for the whole of Scotland, but and Mr Pollock by air to California that will take some time. ter a week or 10 days to see the gentlemen of the press in Edinburgh sights and to have her accept the the other day, and in emphasising the offer of a film test by a motion need for recruits he stressed the wide picture company. She has been variety of tasks connected with the delighted but is still hesitant. She modern fire-fighting unit.

She recalls what one clergyman wrote her: "The nation needs more women like you," and says she want to merit such kindness .- Associated Press.

# Jap Prisoners Live In Own Torture House

It is Fale, or the !rony of Fate. since state ownership. It was at the Whichever it is, the 16 high-ranking Cardowan Colliery, Stepps; the men officers of the once piwerful Japanese Imperial Army, whose men brought death and worse-than-death of coal were lost. Duridee taxi-drivers have complained to the Corsuffering to millions of Chinese people in a war of aggression, never poration that late buses have taken imagined one day they would be confined in a building which their. men built for the purpose of administering the motoricus water treatment and other kinds of cruel torture to innecent Chinese, .

Col Yang Chien-po, superintendent

the re-unveiling of the fine statue of Sir Henry which has long dominated a corner of this As one of the many Scotsmen who dumped his kitbag down on Scottish part of London, and which had been bricked up during World

Ralph Richardson, recently hon-

sees little or no pleasure craft. True | those present to remain silent for n there are the odd yachtsmen and the minute and think of the deceased The first is to increase production ferry beside the big bridge and there notor. Those who stood round the statue included Come Sybil Thorndike, Dame Edith Evans, Harcourt And, mark you, the Clyde has, Williams and Alan Herbert. never been very much better. No

great galas or regattas, such as Henley or other Thames-side events, where Mr and Mrs John Citizen take the family for the day. Our people All this has been inspired by the announcement that a Kirkcaldy labour, from the ranks of Britain's actors and actresses, to do the job. This was refused, but they had paid fo. the bricking-up, while Westminster Council had made themselves responsible for the unbrickthe landings in Normandy. Now she | in ...

# SCREEN

gers. She will have a cocktail bar and an ordinary bar and a dining A special commission, led by room for 100, plus sundry rest Brigadier Fitzroy Maelean, M.P., is rooms. So it will be "cruising up the leaving shortly for Italy, to carry out an intensive screening of displaced persons, surrendered enemy Leith and she will run cruises to personnel, etc., for the purpose of determining which of them may prime facie be regarded as eligible for aid from international bodies, such as the proposed International

Even at this early date the owner important task of seeing that displaced persons are provided with all be during the great musical festival available factual evidence regardin Edinburgh in August. One party ing the conditions awaiting them has already booked a trip to the on their return home, should they decide to take advantage of the offers which have been made to them by

# Anti-Sickness Insurance

Other N.F.S. jobs included the may be increased through a volun-The relatively small cash benefit rescuing of a cat from the parapet tary arrangement involving extra

Further, the Riksdag decided that in principle, hospital care is to be available free of charge and medicine at helf price, or even free in rerlain cases.

The payment for this will be made direct to hospitals and pharmacista In a manner to be determined by the Riksdog at a later date.

kronor annually. on 5-1 mark.... Galashiels has

Rothesay is considering a plan for a the Scottish League will play the ferry to Wemyss Bay..., n well- English League at Hampden on known Hawiek farmer and butcher, March 12.... Jack Melean, former In a shabby, grim-looking building in Nanking, surrounded on four sides by high solid walls, these 16 Japan-ese army officers, including six licutemant generals, are now awaiting trial by a Chinese military court, together with three Koreans and activities. Most of the Japanese were arrested in Tokyo and brought to China to face arraignment with three Koreans are nown awaiting activities. Most of the Japanese were arrested in Tokyo and brought to China to face arraignment with the site of the derequisitioned in Berwickshire, this stem of the site of the derequisitioned and a dental clinic, the first of its kind the permission of the Allied Far Eastern War Crimes Commission.

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Eastern War Crimes Commission. amateur golf champlon, and now Hibs lead the Reserve League with 39 points from 21 games. Hearts are of the detention camp, said the Soccer revival in the Borders is Keith Geddess, the Scottish Rugby became dim. building in which the Japanese are exemplified in the gates worth £30 confined was built by the Japanese and £50 at the Gain Fairydean French enthusiasts for his great. The trouble confined was built by the Japanese as their gendarmeric headquarters—as their gendarmeric headquarters—almost a synonym for terror to the laid a bet of £500 to £1,000 that the Collins during the Japanese occupation. It is the only detention camp for war criminal suspects in Nan-king.

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# STATUE RE-UNVEILED

Despite the snow and the icy winds that swept across the Charing Cross Road one morning in London recently, a number of Britain's leading stage stars gathered in the street to honour the memory of the great actor, Sir Henry Irving, famous Victorian theatrien) figure. The occasion was. War II for safety from air

outed by King George VI with a knighthood, pulled a cord, and a great Union Jack which had draped Our rivers are given over too much | Lendoners for the first time for to commerce, for instance. We duels seven years the well-known figure on the pedestal,

ple. There is a stretch of water that to Sir Henry, Sir Ralph asked all Instead of paying verbal tribute

> Introducing Sir Rolph Richardson, the Mayor of Westminster recalled how at the outbreak of war, members of Britain's theatrical fraternity had approached the Westminster Council and asked that Sir Henry's statuc should be bricked up for safety; they had even offered the

# DP's

The commission will also have the the governments concerned.

The work of the commission should be of assistance to the Italian Government, insofar as it may enable the international organisations concerned to expedite their decisions as to the eligibility of refugees for assistance.

At the last plenary meeting of the Rikaday in Sweden in 1946, The fire chief was speaking to the a bill was passed introducing compulsory sickness insurance for all citizens.

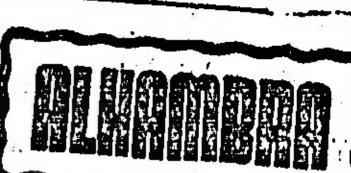
The Act will not come into force, however, until July 1, 1950. Insurance payments under the new scheme will include compensation for usked to save the putting green. A medical care for everyone and a particularly pestilential type of werm | each benefit of 3.50 kronor per day, was ruining the turf. So the firemen payable to all persons having an pumped gallons of sea water over the income.

green. This soaked in and afterwards The latter will also receive admillions of worms were raked off the ditional payments for wives and surface, thus preserving the putting children.

of a bridge, the putting out of sun- premiums.

The increase in Government expenditures is estimated at 200 million

away their livelihood.....Mr Alexander Rateliffe, founder of the Scotturned down a suggestion for Suntish Protestant League, has died.... day golf in the Ladhope course...



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# Russian & Caucasian Specialities

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Society of Hongkong and other Welsh people are reminded of the Celebrotion of St. David's Day, and to apply for their tickets without delay to the Hon. Hailes, who joined the R.A.A.F. in Treasurer, Mrs. Wynne-Jones 1944, received a knock in the right c/o G. P. O.

# Spanish Monarchy Opposed

Mexico City, Feb. 20. The Spanish Socialist leader, Senor Indalecio Preito, opposed restoration of the monarchy which, he predicted to-day, would result in fresh struggles in a nation not yet fully recovered from a bitter civil war.

Prefto urged instead that the Spanish people be allowed to choose their own regime by a plebiscite, but added that international pressure will have to determine the fall of Franco. He said that however great is the heroism of those inside Spain opposing Franco, their efforts will

If Franco sees his cause lost he will hand over power to the monarchy for the elementary motives of selfdefence and long-standing personal convictions.—United Press.

### Franco Orders Study

Madrid, Feb. 20. Generalissimo Franco reportedly has named a committee of four Falange Cabinet Ministers to study the possibility of the restoration of the monarchy to which the older Party wing is believedly opposed.

The committee consists of the following Ministers: Blas Perez Gomez (Interior), Jose Antonio Jiron (labour), Carlos Reina Saura (Agriculture) and Ralmundo Fernandez Cuesta (Justice).

No signs of restoration are imminent, however, because Franco and Don Juan retain widely divergent policy views despite the frequent contacts of their representatives .-- United

# Heavy Losses For Reds Reported

Peiping, Feb. 21. The Government announced today it had dealt Communist armies such a severe blow that the great Peiping-Tientsin-Paoting triangle of North China is secure for some time to come.

The Chinese press carried Government reports that the Communists suffered crippling losses in weeks of p fighting, including loss of 12,000 men in a 24-hour; battle around Yaotsungcheng, 20 miles north of Paoting.

The Communists announced that the Government and ordered all Yennn representatives to leave and they were preparing to withdraw personnel from the United Nations Relief Rehabilitation headquarters. here. It was indicated that supplies would be practically impossible for some parts of North China henceforth.-Associated Press.

### HITLER-LIKED-A GERMAN KING

Nuremberg, Feb. 21. Franz von Papen said in an interview to-day that he proposed to Hitler in 1934 that Prince Louis Ferdinand, grandson, of the exiled Kaiser, be made King of Germany, and Hitter seemed "satisfied with the idea."

Von Papen is awaiting verdict from the German de-Nazification Court, which is expected to give him 10 years' hard labour.- Associated Press.

## MOSQUITOES IN CAR TYRES

Chicago, Feb. 20. The American Medical Association Journal reported to-day that sanitary inspectors in Los Angeles, examining freighter arriving from New Guinea, discovered fever-carrying mosquitoes breeding in rainwater inside 9,000 army tyres.

The Journal said mosquitoes of a type carrying dengue fever and filariasis were found in eight of 11 shipments of tyres.—United Press.

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# NORWAY WILL ENTER ANTARCTIC RACE

# Government To Support Expedition

Oslo, Feb. 20.

Norway will enter the race to the Antarctic with a sizable expedition during the 1947-48 season- a preliminary to the great combined expedition projected for the following season by Britain, Sweden and Norway.

South Polar wastes this year, the costs of refitting a vessel furnishwill play no part in the Nor- ed by the government and operatwegians' work.

long-established claims to much of the Antarctic, and her claims are better founded than during of seamen, penetrated the Foreign Affairs. The ship is caught an average of 40 percent of log on the North Sea banks. all wholes taken from the southern oceans each year.

Along with the whaling operations Norwegian airmen quietly surveyed observations and biological invesmuch of the previously unknown tigations will be emphasised, but Commander Rilser-Larson was foremost of these unheralded

### NORWAY'S CLAIMS

Morway chims Islands, Bouvet, at 3 deg. 24 east longitude, and 54 deg. 26 south latitude, and Peter I at 90 deg. 35 west longitude and 68 deg. 50 south Press.

On the mainland, Norway claims a pie-shaped wedge with its apex at the Pole, lying between the Falkland Island dependency claimed by Britain and Argentina, at 20 deg. west longitude extending eastward to 45. deg, east longitude where the Australian claim begins.

and includes Crown Princess Martha land journey of its length. Land, Queen Maud Land, Princess Astrid Land. Princess Ragnified ! of Crown Prince Olay Land.

ing it throughout the voyage.

### YOUNG SCIENTISTS

The ship selected is the former most. Roold Amundsen discovered American coast guard vesser, North the South Pole in December, 1911, Star, loaned to the expedition by Norwegian whaters, always the most the Parliamentary Commission for forbidding, ice-charged sens of the 220 tons and was bought from the Antaretic in 1904 and extended their United States in 1945 for \$105,000. operations annually until, in the The Norwegian Government decade before the last war, they originally planned to use it for fish-

> Work of the expedition will be done largely around Peter I Island and the Ross Sen. Meteorological cceanographical observations studies, of the life and propagation of wholes will be undertaken.

It is planned to take along a number of young scientists to give them valuable field work they missed mind." during the war years when Norway was occupied by the Germans and blackaded by the British.-United

### BRITISH SURVEY

London, Feb. 20. tien's Graham Land, employing time- east coast which cannot be approachhonoured polar means of locommotion | ed from the sea. -dogs and sledges-to-day are trying to complete two firsts before winter Thus the Norwegian claim begins night descends—crossing the base of at Coats Land, on the Weddell Sea, Graham Land and making the first

Britain now has seven parties total-Land, Prince Harald Land and part ling 30 men working on its Falkland Islands dependency survey. They are Norway claimed Bouvet Island on stationed at Hope Bay, on the nor-January 23, 1928 and Peter I Island thern tip of Graham Land, Mar-

## This is a whale of fishing story

Burlington, Wisconsin, Feb. 20. Once a year a group of Americans gather to tell stories and to see who can tell the biggest lie. They are members of the Liars' Club, and good laughs are their chief objectives.

This year they met here and heard Atanazio Garza, San Antonio, Texas, tell how he had gone fishing, hooked a fish and fought him for 45 minutes. The fish fought so hard, he said, that "when I got him into the boat he was sweating." He got first prize.

Playing on the housing shortage, another good one was told by John J. Conville of Cambridge, Massachusetts, who wondered why he had been unable to lease three new, modern seven-room houses he had for \$12 - month each. He added his failure might have resulted from the fact that he also offered free to each tenant heat, electricity and use of an automobile.—Associated Press.

## Japanese Labour To Take Active Part In Politics

Tokyo, Feb. 20. Japan's two leading labour organisations-the National Congress of Industrial Organisations, with a claimed membership of 1,700,000 workers, and the Japan National Federation of Labour, with a membership of 1,000,000 workers—will for the first time take an active part in a political campaign in the forthcoming elections in the latter part of April in order to push through labour's demands for improved treatment, the Mainichi reported to-day.

sations plan to rally support for same time, the organisations will not a "joint democratic front" in a for such candidates. fight against so-called conservative political parties which the Congress of Industrial Organisations present Yoshida Cabinet repre-

The organisations plan to support or Progressive Party tickets. only those candidates who agree to

The Japan Federation of Labour, The Malnichi predicted that the cillors and the House of Representa-

The paper predicted that Katsumi Kikunami, chairman of NCIO, will be a candidate for the House of Councillors, and added that chairmen of other large labour unions, such as the All-Japan Coalminers' Union, the All-Japan Electrical Workers' Union and the All-Japan Communications Workers' Union, will run for Diet scats.-United

London, Feb. 20. The volcano on Mount Mayon in the New York radio reported. Tons chological help in the present situa- them wholesale. Authorities of smouldering lava are pouring down tion."
its slopes towards the town of Libog. northwest --- Router.

The reported hunt for radioactive mineral deposits—
active mineral deposits—
The proposed expedition will have uranium, thorium and monazite
—mentioned in connection with other organisations probing the other organisations probing the Association, which offered to cover and Louris Leland in the South and Laurie Island, in the South

> Graham Land has never been crossed on foot, although airplanes have often made extended flights over its tortuous mountains and

ARGENTINE COUNTER-CLAIM British Foreign Office sources said, meanwhile, that no change is contemplated in the British policy of of Argentina's drunk. non-recognition counter-claim to the dependency.

. The diplomatic correspondent of the News-Chronicle yesterday accused Argentina of "claim jumping" while Britain's attention was diverted during the war. He said that in some cases "our flags and markings were blacked out and Argentine markings and flages substitut-

The News-Chronicle correspondent, Robert Waitham, said: "It is a safe bet it will take rather more than Argentina's special stamps and new military maps to change our

Foreign Office and Colonial Office spokesmen said that survey work in Graham Land continues on schedule. The party at Marguerite Bay, where an American expedition will soon start work, is engaged in establishing n base on the 5,000-feet plateau island from which it may be possible British survey parties on Antarc- to sledge overland to the icebound

POLITICAL RIVALRIES

Speaking of Britain's working in killed him. this area, the Times editorially comment:d: "It would be a misfortune if the tradition of friendly interwere broken by the intrusion of political rivalries.

stations would throughout the coming winter. A great deal

meteorological, zoological programme for the detailed study of Ware." the Falkland Islands Dependency, | Mr Howard asked that the charge and South Orkneys,—United Press. APPROACH OF WINTER

Abourd USS Mount Olympus,

to-day reported the skies had cleared Disease Outbreak but the expedition planes still were undergoing mechanical revision begun when bad conditions interrupted gus cattle at Reading to-day was

---Te-newly-crected -Little-America foot-and-mouth-disease-and-the-173 radio station has succeeded in estab- cattle which arrived must be quarunlishing direct radio communication tined for a fortnight. with Washington for emergency use if it is necessary to leave a rescue | ced a foot and mouth outbreak among party at the South Pole for the win- pigs at Meanwood, Leeds.-United ter in the event any air crews are Press. lost in the next few days of final survey flights.

A drop in the temperature to 9 degrees below zero warned of the swift approach of the Antarctic winter, which is likely to wind up the expedition's work within 10 days .--United Press.

### ARGENTINE EXPEDITION

Buenos Aires, Feb. 20. in Graham Land, just off the An- India. taretic continent.

of Graham Land,-United Press.

POCKET CARTOON



## ACQUITTED OF KILLING HER FATHER

Hertford, Feb. 20. On the night of January 25, William White, 46, returned to his Watford home. He was

the kitchen, selected a knife and with general approval in Parliament such a constitution and such authorimounted the stairway to the and the country, made it clear that the will emerge. second floor. His wife, two selves to shoose their future status daughters and his little son and constitution and that in the huddled together in the bed- lopinion of the Government the time

It was not the first time. White had come home drunk, and they knew from experience that he was likely to be violent.

White confronted his family with knife, and, waving slightly, said: "I am now going to sharpen this knife. I am going to kill Mr Ware next door and then I am coming back to cut the lot of you up." He turned and started back down the stairs.

Elsie Dorothy White, 19, looked frantically about. At the head of the stairway was an aspidistra. Father Killed

She picked up the plant, pot and all, and threw it with all her might. It hit her father on the head and The story of White and the us-

pidistra was fold by the prosecutor, Mr Gerald Howard, to-day at the national co-operation in Antarctica trial of Elsie White for manslaughter Practically taking the role of the defence. Mr Howard told the Court: British sources said Antarctic "It seemed to us that those facts are be maintained a complete defence to any charge of manslaughter, because not only was of geological, this young woman justifled on the mineralogical work has been done by ther own safety and the safety of the survey parties which have worked rest of the family, but she had in the Antarctic almost without reasonable ground for believing that interruption since about 1930, her father was going to make an The work is part of a long-term attack on, and perhaps murder, Mr

which includes Graham Land, the be dismissed. Mr Justice Byrne Falkland Islands, South Shetlands agreed and instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.—United

# Dispatches from Little America Foot and Mouth

London, Feb. 20. The annual sale of Aberdeen Ancancelled because of an outbreak of

The Agriculture Ministry announ-

### WHAT ATTLEE SAID (Continued from Page 1)

Lord Templewood tabled a motion for the Opposition, condemning the Government's Indian policy. amounted to a motion of censure and will be debated in the Lords on Tues-

Commander Luis Garcia, leader of It said the Government's decision the Argentine Navy's Antarctic ex- to turn over power to the Indians pedition, reported by radio to-day without any provision for the pro-that leading parties from the trans- tection of minorities or the discharge port Patagonia are engaged in ex- of other obligations was likely to imtensive survey for mineral deposits peril the peace and prosperity of

A plane launched from the trans- Tuesday whether to force a division. port took advantage of the clear If a division is called, the Conservaweather to engage in a photo survey live majority is likely to defeat the Airmail: Government.—United Press.

## CHINA COTTON REQUEST TO UNRRA SUPPORTED

solidly favour China's request for \$49,000,000 worth of cotton to be made into cloth for sale in the open market to bolster the nation's economy.

tion said the Director-General, like farmers everywhere, are chiefly interested in what they can exchange their products for. of \$49,000,000 worth of United clothing, and if they can get States funds to a cotton programme at a meeting of the since it is largely agricultural.

Rooks telegraphed the China Office in Shanghai, and will ask the Central Committee to take final action to the poor and five percent of raw when he receives a reply from there. which is hoped for early next week.

Intended for medical supplies.

it cheaply they will sell food cheaply which will be a great help to China It is understood that proceeds from

the sales of goods will be put back into other relief supplies. Rooks far away as Mantin, 200 miles to the of the unspeat funds were originally "black market" operations.—United

# White Paper On India Presented In Commons

London, Fcb. 20. The text of the White Paper on India which Mr Attlee read to the House of Commons to-day is as follows:

ments to work towards the realisation of the self-govern-

ment of India. "In pursuance of this policy, an increasing measure of responsibility has been devolved on Indians, and to-day the civil administration and the Indian armed forces rely to a very large extent on Indian civilians and officers. In the constitutional field the Acts of 1919 and 1935 passed by the British Parliament each represented a substantial trans-

fer of political power. "In 1940 the coalition Government recognised the principle that the Indians should themselves frame the new constitution for a fully autonomous India, and in the offer of 1942 they invited them to set up a constitutional assembly for this purpose as soon as the war was over. "The British Government believe

this policy to have been right and In accordance with sound democra- over their responsibility to authori-He walked deliberately into Minister of March 15 last, which met is at present no clear prospect that it was for the Indian people themhad come for responsibility for the Government of India to pass Into Indian hands. The Cabinet Mission, which was sent to India last year. spent over three months in consultation with Indian leaders in order to help them agree upon the method for determining the future constitution of India so that the transfer of power might be smoothly and rapidly effected.

### Missions Proposals

"It was only, when it seemed clear that without some initiative from the Cabinet Mission agreement was unlikely to be reached that they put the civil administration should be forward proposals themselves. May last, envisaged that the future

## Hongkong Police Reserve

and ground that she was apprehensive for Order No. 1 of 1947 by C.B.E. Commissioner of Police

DRILL PARADES

All ranks of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies will attend Murray Parade peoples should not be brought to an Ground on Monday, Tuesday, Thurs- | end-and they will wish to continue day, and Friday, February 24, 25, to do all that is in their power to 27, and 28, at 5.30 p.m. for Drill further the well being of India."-Parades, Dress—Uniform.

### MEETING.

All N.C.Os. from Lance Sergeants upwards will attend Police Reserve Office, Prince's Building, 1st floor, Room No. 122 on Saturday, February 22, at 10,30 a.m. for a meeting. Dress-Mufti.

Sgd. T. O. TS'O. Senior Superintendent of Police, (Reserve).

### OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated. Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the time stated below. Airmail:

Friday, February 21 Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtoo, Peining, 3 p.m.
Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi,
Basra, Cairo, Johannesburg, Augusta, Marsellies, London, New York, Canada,

Formosa, Canada (via Vancouver) 3 p.m. Shanghai, 2 p.m. Macao, Tsinshan, Shekki, 3 p.m. Manila, 3 p.m.

Canton, 4 p.m. Saturday, February 22 Bangkok, Singapore, Colombo, Soura-baya, Sydney, Auckland, 3.30 p.m. Hangoon, Calcutta, Delhi, Johannesburg, Cairo, 3.30 p.m. Saigon, London, 3.30 p.m.

Canton, Liuchow, Kunming, 3,30 p.m. Swatow, Bangkok, 10 a.m. Straits, 10 a.m. Shanghal, ticon. Bombay, 3 p.m.
Manila, Bombay, 3 p.m.
Australia (via Sydney), 3 p.m.
USA, Central and South America (via

San' Francisco), 3 p.m. Manila, 3 p.m. Amoy, Swatow, Salgon, 3 p.m. Straits, 3 p.m. Macao, Tainshan, Shekki, 3 p.m.

Canton, 4 p.m. . Sunday, February 23 Canton, 6.13. a.m. Macao, Tsinahan, Shekki, 10 a.m.

Tgain:

TO-DAY'S BROADCASTS

from 12.30 to 2 p.m., and 0.30 to 11 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 0.30 to 7.30 and 0 to 11 p.m.

6.30 Film Memories; 7 London Relay; World News; 7.10 London Relay; Home News from Britain; 7.15 "Romance and Rhythm"; 7.30 Studio; "You Asked For It"-Variety Request Programme arranged by Lynn Frazer: 8.30 Paul Robeson (Baritone) and Boston Promenade Or-chestra; D London Relay: News; 0.10 Studio: The Band of the 2nd Battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales Own): 9.45 Studio: "Echo"—A Radio Thriller written; & Produced by Donald Rudd, presented by the Hong Kong Stage Club; 10.15 Interlude; 10.20 Verdi's "Alda"—Act 1. By the Principals, Chorus and Orchestra of La Scala Opers, Milan; 11 Close Down.

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"It has long been the policy constitution of India should be setof successive British Govern- tled by a Constituent Assembly composed in a manner suggested with representatives of all communities and interests in British India and of the Indian states.

> "Since the return of the Mission the Interim Government has been set up at the centre, composed of political leaders of the major communities exercising wide powers within the existing constitution.

"In all Provinces, the Indian Government's responsible legislatures are in office. .

"It is with great regret that the Government find that there are still differences among the Indian parties which are preventing the Constituent Assembly from functioning as it was intended that it should.

"The Government desire to hand tic principles. Since they came into lies established by a constitution office they have done their utmost approved by all parties in India in to carry it forward to its fulfilment. | accordance with the Cabinet Mis-"The declaration of the Prime sion's plan, but unfortunately there

> "The present state of uncertainty is fraught with danger and cannot be indefinitely prolonged. It is, therefore, essential that all parties should sink their differences in order that they may be ready to shoulder the great responsibilities which will come before them next year. After months of hard work by the Cabinet Mission, a great measure of agreement was obtained as to the method by which the constitution should be worked out. This, was embodied in their statements of May

"Although the final transfer of authority may not take place until June, 1948, preparatory measures must be put in hand in advance. It is important that the efficiency of maintained and that the defence of "These proposals, made public in India should be fully provided for. But inevitably, as the process of the transfer proceeds, it will become progressively more difficult to carry out to the letter all the provisions of the Government of India Act (1935). Legislation will be introduced in due course to give effect to the final transfer of power.

Well-Being Of India

"The British Government cannot conclude this statement without expressing, on behalf of the people of this country, their goodwill and good D. W. MacIntosh, wishes towards the people of India, ns they go forward to this final stage in their achievement of selfgovernment.

> "It will be the wish of everyone in these islands that notwithstanding the constitutional changes, the association of the British and Indian

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The paper said both organi- support labour's platform. At the stint in providing campaign funds

The Mainichi said the National will not insist on the party affiliations of such supported candidates providing they do not run on Liberal

however, will insist on supporting only those candidates running on the Social Democratic Party ticket. labour : organisations - named will concentrate their efforts on electing candidates to the nation's highest legislative body, the Diet, which is composed of the House of Coun-

# Washington, Feb. 20.

It was reliably learned to-day that top UNRRA officials

a strong argument for diversion He said the present blg need is nine-nation Central Committee.

It was also reliably learned that

Sources close to the organisa-| Koo said the Chinese farmers,

said Chinese suggested that 10 per-cent of cloth go directly and gratis cotton given away for padding. While UNRRA goods have been sold both in China and other countries It is understood that Rooks car- with receipts going back into the ried the burden of China's case, al- general fund, the danger in China is Luzon, in the Philippines which has though Ambassador Wellington Koo that favoured merchants may corner given signs of unrest in the past made an elequent plea for the cotton goods and then raise the price for month, burst into life again to-day, programme as "practical any pay- above that at which UNRRA sold China said this is the reason for the charge that the Chinese are re-Rumbles of eruption can be heard as It is understood that \$19,000,000 questing more saleable goods in